

AS AN AVID XM SATELLITE RADIO LISTENER AS WELL AS AN XM SATELLITE RADIO RETAILER - I AM ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO NAB'S PETITION 04-160. I AM HIGHLY OFFENDED THAT THE FCC FEELS LIKE IT CAN CONSTANTLY CHALLENGE THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTRY - MAINLY OUR FREEDOM OF SPEECH & CHOICE. WHAT IS THIS - NAZI GERMANY?

XM RADIO SUBSCRIBERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO HEAR ANYTHING WE CHOOSE - JUST AS THOSE WHO SUBSCRIBE TO MAGAZINES SHOULD BE ABLE TO READ WHAT THEY CHOOSE. XM RADIO IS NOT A FREE SERVICE! IF XM RADIO IS NOT A DESIRABLE COMMODITY THEN WHY IS IT SO POPULAR? IF THE COMMERCIAL/FM RADIO STATIONS WOULD CUT OUT ALL THE "CRAP" AND "TOILET HUMOR" IN MOST OF THEIR "MORNING SHOWS" &/OR OTHER SPECIALTY PROGRAMMING- THEY MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE OF RETAINING MORE LISTENERS. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TRADITIONAL/COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS & SATELLITE RADIO PROVIDERS IS THAT WITH MOST FM STATIONS - ADVERTISERS ARE PAYING FOR WHAT THEY WANT THE LISTENER TO HEAR - NOT WHAT THE LISTENER WANTS TO HEAR. SATELLITE RADIO OFFERS ITS LISTENERS A CHOICE. SUBSCRIBERS LISTEN TO WHAT THEY WANT TO LISTEN TO - NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND. HOW IS SATELLITE RADIO ANY DIFFERENT THAN CABLE TELEVISION? DOES THE N.A.B. CONSIDER THIS?

ON ANOTHER NOTE:

STAYING INFORMED IS AN AMERICAN OBSESSION. TRAFFIC & WEATHER ARE NO DIFFERENT. THESE UP-TO-DATE & UP-TO-THE-MINUTE REPORTS CONTRIBUTE TO A MORE EFFICIENT & PRODUCTIVE WORK FORCE (as if our country hasn't lost enough jobs) & A SAFER ENVIRONMENT - ESPECIALLY ON OUR ROADWAYS. HOW MANY TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, INJURIES, DEATHS, ETC. MIGHT HAVE BEEN PREVENTED HAD SOMEONE BEEN PROPERLY INFORMED AS TO THE PATH OF THE NEXT HURRICANE, TORNADO, OR TRAFFIC JAM? DOES THE N.A.B. CONSIDER THIS?

THE WELL-EDUCATED PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY PREFER TO STAY INFORMED IN A DIFFERENT WAY. TAKE NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO FOR EXAMPLE. PEOPLE DON'T LIKE A LOT OF INTERFERENCE WHEN THEY ARE TRYING TO STAY INFORMED. WE CERTAINLY DON'T NEED INTERFERENCE FROM ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS - TELLING THE CITIZENS OF OUR COUNTRY & FURTHERMORE PAYING CUSTOMERS WHAT THEY CAN OR CANNOT HEAR!

TELL CONGRESS TO STICK TO THE REAL ISSUES & LEAVE SATELLITE RADIO ALONE. TELL THE N.A.B. TO FOCUS ON THEIR OWN PROBLEMS INSTEAD OF ATTACKING OTHER SUCCESSFUL TECHNOLOGIES LIKE SATELLITE RADIO.

THANK YOU!
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